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RURAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has surveyed the prevalent unemployment rates among the rural youth of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps the Government proposes to take to generate/increase employment opportunities in rural areas of the country; and

(d) the achievements made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 140 due for answer on 11.03.2005.

The Ministry of Rural Development has not conducted any Survey on the prevalent unemployment rate among the rural youth. However, according to 55th Round Survey on employment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999-2000, the unemployment rate among rural youth (age group of 15-29 years) on Current Daily Status basis was estimated as 11.10 at percentage of labour force among rural youth for the males and 10.60 % for the females. State-wise data on unemployment among rural youth is not available.

2. Tenth Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities during 2002-07. To create employment potential the Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors for development such as agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.

3. Employment generation is a multisectoral issue involving several Ministries/Sectors. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing two major employment generation Schemes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampoorna Gamin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). The Government have also launched a new wage employment Scheme namely National Food For Works Programme (NFFWP) in 150 most backward districts of 27 States of the country to generate supplementary wage employment and providing food security through creation of need based economic, social and community assets in these districts. The NFFWP will be open to the rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual unskilled work.

4. During the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05 (upto January, 2005) under the SGSY 53.33 lakh Swarozgaris have been assisted and under the SGRY, 371.36 crore mandays of employment were generated.